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Gang Member Sentenced for Killing of Maintenance Worker at Department Store

A gang member was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison for the murder of a maintenance worker that was pressure washing a parking lot in Van Nuys, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

On Nov. 7, 2016, Erick Renteria, 27, was found guilty by a jury of one count each of first-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a felon with one prior.

Deputy District Attorney Adan Montalban of the Hardcore Gang Division said Renteria also was found to have used a handgun and a knife in the murder.

Francisco Miguel, 48, was stabbed and shot to death as he helped two other workers clean the department store's parking lot in the early morning hours on July 22, 2014, the prosecutor said.

Case LA078571 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.